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SUBJECT: SPC MEETING OF GOVERNMENT - FIRST DAY

1. SUMMARY. FIRST DAY OF SPC MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS, USING UK DRAFT AS BASIS OF DISCUSSION, REACHED AGREEMENT ON INOFFENSIVE POINTS, BUT ONLY SCRATCHED SURFACE OF BASIC FRENCH OBJECTION TO PERMITTING CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF MATTERS. PM KIRK BRIEFLY ADDRESSED MEETING, CITING PAST FAILURES AND FUTURE CHALLENGES OF ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FIRST DAY OF SPC GOVERNMENTS MEETING, AGREEMENT REACHED TO USE UK DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS BASIS OF DISCUSSION. BASIC DIFFERENCES QUICKLY APPEARED, HOWEVER, AND AGREEMENT LIMITED LARGELY TO UNCONTROVERSIAL AND INNOUCUOUS ARTICLES, WITH CONSIDERATION OF MAIN STICKING POINTS DEFERRED.

3. MAIN DIFFERENCE TO EMERGE IS FRENCH INSISTENCE SO FAR THAT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND STAFF MATTERS MUST  
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CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO DECISIONS BY MEMBER GOVERN-

MENTS ONLY, NOT BY CONFERENCE. FRENCH RATIONALE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD AT THIS POINT BY OTHER DELEGATIONS, UNCLUDING USDEL, BUT EFFECT SEEMS CLEAR ENOUGH. IF SUSTAINED, FRENCH OBJECTION WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY EMASCULATE CHANGES SOUGHT IN GUAM RESOLUTION, WOULD PROBABLY DISAPPOINT ISLAND LEADERS, AND COULD EFFECTIVELY BLOCK REJUVENATION OF ORGANIZATION. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE NETTRE TOLD USDEL LEADER CARPENTER THAT HE HAS NO RPT NO FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT, BUT THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. MEETING WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TAKE FULL THREE DAYS, AND PROVISION ALREADY MADE FOR FOURTH.

4. IN BRIEF ADDRESS TO MEETING, PM KIRK CHARGED THAT SPC "HAS NOT RESPONDED QUICKLY ENOUGH TO CHALLENGES," AND HAS NOT USED ITS CAPACITIES EFFECTIVELY TO MEET THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. KIRK SPOKE OF CONTINUING CONDIDITONS OF POVERTY THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AND OF NEED TO INSURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT. HE COMMITTED NZ TO FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL BUT UNSPECIFIED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPC. KIRK ALSO MADE BROAD BUT SOMEWHAT CONFUSING REFERENCES TO NEED FOR BROADENING POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AND DISCUSSION IN SPC, BUT NZ DEL HAS NOT PURSUED THIS LINE IN DISCUSSION.

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